

REPORT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the second s 486O report on Mr X and his family who remained in immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

The first report 1001896¹ was tabled in Parliament on 18 March 2015. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

Name	Mr X (and family)
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1971

Family details

Family members	Ms Y (wife)	Master Z (son)	Master Q (son)
Citizenship	Country A	Country A	Country A
Year of birth	1977	2004	2009

Ombudsman ID	1003304
Date of DIBP's report	25 March 2015
Total days in detention	Not provided

Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous report (1001896), Mr X and his family remained in community detention.	
11 March 2015	Granted Bridging visas and released from detention.

Recent visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to being released from detention, Mr X and his family were part of a cohort who had not had their protection claims assessed as they arrived in Australia after 13 August 2012 and the Minister had not lifted the bar under s 46A of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> .	
11 March 2015	Granted Bridging visas.

Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services advised that Mr X, Ms Y, Master Z and Master Q did not require treatment for any major physical or mental health issues since its previous report to the Ombudsman.	
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¹ Mr X and his family was previously reported on in a group report of people who arrived on Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 443 *Xylopa* and were detained on 10 September 2012.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Mr X and his family were granted Bridging visas on 11 March 2014 and released from immigration detention.

The Ombudsman notes that Mr X and his family were detained on 10 September 2012 after arriving in Australia and were held in detention for over two and a half years before being granted Bridging visas. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review, processing of the family's claims for protection had not commenced.

The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of the family's protection claims commence as soon as possible.